

they wish to have their application maintained for future consideration and given the following notice:

You are advised against incurring obligations which would limit the range of alternatives to be considered, or which cannot be fulfilled without FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 funds until the funds are actually made available. Therefore, you should refrain from such actions as initiating engineering and legal work, taking actions which would have an adverse effect on the environment, taking options on land rights, developing detailed plans and specifications, or inviting construction bids until notified by Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 to proceed.

**§ 1942.108 Application docket preparation and review.**

(a) *Guides.* Application dockets should be developed in accordance with § 1942.2(c) of subpart A of this part 1942.

(b) [Reserved]

(c) *Budgets.* All applicants must complete Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 442-7, "Operating Budget," except as provided in this paragraph. Applicants with annual incomes not exceeding \$100,000 may, with concurrence of the District Director, use Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 1942-52, "Cash Flow Projection," instead of Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 442-7. Projections should be provided for the current year and each year thereafter until the facility is expected to have been in operation for a full year and a full annual installment paid on the loan.

(d) *Letter of conditions.* The District Director should prepare and issue a letter of conditions in accordance with § 1942.5 (a)(1) and (c) of subpart A of this part 1942.

(e) *Organizational review.* As early in the application process as practical the District Director should obtain copies of organization documents from each applicant and forward them through the State Office to the Regional Attorney for review and comments. The Regional Attorney's comments should be received and considered before obligation of funds.

(f) *National Office review.* Applications that require National Office review will be submitted in accordance with § 1942.5(b) of subpart A of this part 1942.

(g) *State Office review.* The State Office must monitor fire and rescue loan making and servicing and provide guidance, assistance, and training as necessary to ensure the activities are accomplished in an orderly manner consistent with FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 regulations. The District Director should request advice and assistance from the State Office as needed. The State Director may require all or part of a specific application docket to be submitted to the State Office for review at any time. The State Director may determine one or more District Office staffs do not have adequate training and expertise to routinely complete application dockets without State Office review. In such cases, the State Director should establish guidelines by memorandum or by State supplement to this subpart for the necessary State Office reviews.

(h) *Loan approval and fund obligation.* Loans must be approved and obligated in accordance with § 1942.5(d) of subpart A of this part 1942 and subpart A of part 1901 of this chapter.

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(g) *State Office review.* The State Office must monitor fire and rescue and other small community facility project

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## §§ 1942.109–1942.110 [Reserved]

### § 1942.111 Applicant eligibility.

(a) *General.* Loans under this subpart are subject to the provisions of § 1942.17(b) of subpart A of this part 1942.

(b) *Credit elsewhere determinations.* The District Director must determine whether financing from commercial sources at reasonable rates and terms is available. If credit elsewhere is indicated, the District Director should inform the applicant and recommend the applicant apply to commercial sources for financing. To provide a basis for referral of only those applicants who may be able to finance projects through commercial sources District Directors should maintain liaison with representatives of lenders in the district. The State Director should keep District Directors informed regarding lenders outside the district that might make loans in the district. District Directors should maintain criteria for determining applications that should be referred to commercial lenders and maintain a list of lender representatives interested in receiving such referrals.

(c) *Public use.* Loans under this subpart are subject to the provisions of § 1942.17(e) of subpart A of this part 1942.

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### § 1942.112 Eligible loan purposes.

(a) Funds may be used:

(1) To construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve essential community facilities primarily providing fire or rescue services primarily to rural residents and rural business. Rural businesses would include facilities such as educational and other publicly owned facilities. “Otherwise improve” includes but is not limited to the following:

(i) The purchase of major equipment, such as fire trucks and ambulances, which will, in themselves, provide an essential service to rural residents.

(ii) The purchase of existing facilities when it is necessary either to improve or to prevent a loss of service.

(2) To pay the following expenses, but only when such expenses are a necessary part of a loan to finance facilities authorized in paragraph (a)(1) of this section:

(i) Reasonable fees and costs such as legal, engineering, architectural, fiscal advisory, recording, environmental impact analyses, archaeological surveys and possible salvage or other mitigation measures, planning, establishing or acquiring rights.

(ii) Interest on loans until the facility is self-supporting but not for more than 3 years unless a longer period is